Performance of Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools in Delhi

4364. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any panel has been appointed by the Delhi Administration to go into the cases of poor performance of the Capital's Secondary and Senior Secondary School students in 1990-91 examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any study has been carried out regarding the performance of the individual teachers and the extent to which the teachers are responsible for the poor performance?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (c). Delhi Admn. has appointed a Senior Consultant for undertaking a study with the objective of identifying the causes of low performance of Sec. and Sr. Sec. School students in the 1990-91 examinations and also to suggest measures for qualitative improvement of school education. The scope of the study includes the performance of the teachers.

Cancellation of Trains in Kerala

4365. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of trains cancelled in Kerala;

(b) the number and names of Kerala bound trains cancelled;

(c) the reasons for their cancellation; and

(d) the time by which these trains are likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). 6365/6366 Tiruchchirapalli-Cochin Express, 8689/8690 Bokaro Steel City-Alleppey Express (on Madras-Alleppey section), 7489/7490 Varanasi-Cochin Express (Weekly), 6017/6018 Jammu Tawi-Kanniyakumari Himsagar Express (Weekly and 6687/6688 Jammu Tawi-Mangalore Navyug Express (Weekly) serving Kerala alongwith other states have been temporarily withdrawn to conserve diesel locomotives to cater to peak season goods traffic. These will be restored during April, 1992.

Afforestation Programme

4366. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new technology of tissue culture has made and tangible dent on deforestation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of trees planted since 1960 both normal and from tissue culture and rate of survival in both cases;

(d) whether the afforestation programmes have made any tangible mark in the country; and

(e) if so, the results of evaluation made, including satellite surveys?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN